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A TRIBUTE.

To Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Whitney on their
Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary.

We're pleased to meet with you tonight,
Though very well we know,
We're not the guests who met with you
Just fifty years ago.

Those friends perchance, have one by one
Passed from this life away,
While others come to wish you joy
On your Golden Wedding Day.

When first your paths converged to one
You joyed to find them meet;
For fifty years this mutual path
You've walked with willing feet.

Through pleasant vales your way has led
Bright with the glad sunshine,
And you have seen above your heads
Sorrows dark clouds combine.

But ne'er a cloud has been so dark
But had its lining bright;
And ne'er an eventide has come
Without the promised light.

The years have brought their varied gifts
And smiles have mixed with tears;
Children have come and a child has gone
Within these fifty years.

The years have brought you many joys,
Though not unmixed with care,
Have added furrows to your brow,
And silver to your hair.

And while today your memory views
The varied way you've come,
Life's richest blessing still is yours,
The light and cheer of home.

Dear home, sweet home, its love its trust
With true affection warm,
Tis just a part of heaven below
Shut in from every storm.

The love that binds the heart to home
All time and change defy,
Each cradle song, each funeral hymn
Still closer draws the tie.

The joy of spring, and opening flowers,
The joy that summer yields,
All pale before us as we walk
The Autumns ripening fields.

The past has given much of good,
Of love, and peace, and rest.
And yet of all the passing years
The present is the best.

And may the future years still bring
Blessing as in the past,
And may each succeeding year, to you,
Be brighter than the last.

Now let us render thanks to Him
From whom all mercies flow,
Whose blessing was invoked on you
Just fifty years ago.

And when at last we've taken leave
Of this our earthly home,
May you, and me, and all we love
Meet in a happy realm above,
And join in a grand centennial
Just fifty years to come.

H. M. LYONS.

LOVE, THE GATE-WAY TO HEAVEN.

BY LILLIAN ROCKWELL

You are the gateway now. You
possess the necessary passport
NOW, but your ignorance concern-
ing your great possession is what
is keeping you out of the Kingdom.

The gate is always open, God
never closes the gate. It is an in-
visible gateway, discernable to souls
who have learned to look upon the
invisible or unseen realities of life.

The passport or necessary quali-
fications that will take you through
are summed up in one word with
four letters,—Love.

God is love and we can attain to
knowledge of Him and His king-
dom, only through love.

Love never faileth. It is the full-
filling of the law. It is the one
eternal principle of creation, an
everlasting gift. It is the noblest
attainable desire of the soul. It is
the keynote of all religions. Suc-
cess, happiness and life itself de-
pends upon this supreme essence.

If I have all faith so that I can
remove mountains, and have not
love, I am nothing.

God and Love are one being—if
you live in one, you live in the
other. It is better not to live than
not to love.

The true expression of love, con-
sists in serving others. Christ said:
"He who would be great among
you, let him serve."

It was the supreme quality in the
life of Christ and is an expression
of a whole christian character—the
Christ nature fully developed.

It is all things, and satisfies every
longing of the soul; without this
life-giving essence the soul sickens
and dies—experiences, pain and
sorrow will continue so to do, until
it recognizes the power of its es-
sence love, which is the real you,
to conquer and overcome all ad-

verse or undeveloped condition of
the human mind.

A recognition of this truth brings
us into a conscious relation to our
parental source, the Alpha and
Omega of life. It must be em-
bodied and exemplified in the hu-
man life and consciousness before
we can say we have attained to any
thing above the natural man.

Love is the spiritual quality of
man and as he comes into recog-
nition of his real nature and rela-
tion to God, he experiences the
power that, that recognition brings
and he endeavors to bring it more
and more into manifestation and
thus he grows until he recognizes
his whole being and he at last be-
comes whole.

When our souls are completely
filled and dominated by this su-
preme quality, we will live in the
Kingdom of Heaven, whether we
live on this sphere or in some
sphere beyond. We will have to
Live the Life before it yield us its
reward of harmony, or heaven.

By realization and manifestation
of its power, you create an atmos-
phere of joy and gladness around
you, which all will feel who come
in contact with you, and the light
of this power will radiate beyond
and draw others within your circle
of influence and thus you become
an attracting force that will draw
all men unto you.

Select a time each day when you
can be quiet and alone. The mind
must be free from all other thoughts
—Think of Love as the Supreme
Quality to be desired and made
manifest in your life. Demand it
and it will come to you just in pro-
portion to the strength of your de-
sire and the strenght of your de-
mand. Keep the mind calm, and
in an expectant attitude of faith,
and in due time your efforts will be
rewarded.

Thus it is to "be born again."
You will experience a new life, the
life of the spirit—Love. You can
not be otherwise than happy. Ma-
terial things will not annoy or vex
you, for you have risen above them.

Your powers of mind and body
will increase and your desires will
be to awaken others to the grand
realizations you have attained.
You will live up to the light within

you which will grow brighter day
by day, as you have used the light
of love given you to help and bless
huminty.

It is the Real Life! Why live
without this richest of all blessings
waiting for you to open your mind
to its presence that it may pour
out and bless and make glad your
life and all who come in contact
with you.

It is only as we dwell in this at-
mosphere of love that peace and
happiness can ever be found. If
you have it not, you are starving
your soul for just what it is long-
ing for, and the only thing that will
satisfy it in the end.

LIKE ATTRACTS LIKE.

MRS. C. K. SMITH

If laying off garments of flesh,
changes a person no more than
does the removing of his overcoat,
why should we look for veracity or
perfection for those who are in the
so-called unseen world, than in the
seen, in this world of observation?

We judge of the unseen by what
we see. And what do we see?
That like attracts like? Far from
it. "Are there few happy mar-
riages made?" is asked, and why do
such men marry such women? why
do such women marry such men?

If like always attracted like
would there be so many divorces,
so many couples mismatched? I have
in mind a couple where it was mut-
ually love at first sight, a sure indi-
cation that like attracts like! This
couple has been married, but a
brief time before they discovered
that they were very unlike. The
wife had no difficulty in securing a
divorce from affinity, within the
year?

Nor are all similar cases divorced
but a life long endurance of one or
it may be of both parties. We have
witnessed, a brutal man wedded to
a lovely, refined and sensitive
woman, the latter considering the
marriage tie so sacred, till death us
doth part. All her life she shields
her husband, does all in her power to
keep the world in ignorance of the
real situation, humiliated by the re-

flection that she was herself to blame. She thought she loved the man, and she had believed the man loved her. Thinks now that she ought to have known better; that she ought to have been more discriminating before taking the serious step, and deserves the sad fate that she has brought upon herself.

Who has not been conversant to numerous instances where the pure minded have been tied to the reckless; where the twain are so unlike, they are happier apart than together.

Death is daily taking the reprobate and mischief maker, as well as the virtuous and wise. The same law that allows one to return, restrains not the other.

HUDSON TUTTLE ON WEALTH

The press is filled with fulsome praise of the magnates of wealth, whose only qualifications is the money in their possession who condescend to patronize. — Colleges, Churches and Libraries heaping gift on gift of fabulous amounts.

He refers more particularly to a very wealthy man, who died in a city (not giving his name) worth twelve million of dollars, both he and his wife were avowed Spiritualists in life, receiving many communications from the spirit of their deceased son, yet, at his death, he left the paltry sum of five hundred dollars to the Spiritualist cause, and hampered that small sum with restrictions that prevented any beneficial use to the cause.

The immense benefit to his fellow man that was in this man power, was inestimable, and when he looks back from the spirit side of life, which he surely will, and see the great good that lay in his power, and how little he rendered to them, and how his money is, or will be made use of, for selfish purposes, he will look upon it with horror, and his progression through the spheres—must be exceedingly slow and difficult.

With this immense sum of money at his command, he could have published educational literature, and circulated it in the families of the non-Spiritualists, both rich and poor and, by educating and enlightening them in spiritual knowledge, his money would have been of inestimable value to him in his advancement in spirit life. It would have been better for him if he had died penniless, and have been buried at public expense.

He may possibly think that ignorance should excuse him for the poor use he made of his money.

But this is no excuse, for he had it abundantly in his power to have informed himself, through well developed mediums, through whom he could have opened communications with spirits of the higher spheres, even of the seventh.

For no selfishness, treachery or deceit, can possibly enter that exalted sphere, and through and from them obtain the information most beneficial to the enlightenment of his fellow man on earth, and his advancement in the spirit world.—*The Progressive Thinker*.

J. I. Hollingsworth.

MONOPOLY VERSUS COMPETITION.

RALPH HOYT

EDITOR JOURNAL:

This is emphatically an age of monopoly. Many short sighted persons charge certain evils to competition, whereas it is monopoly that lies at the bottom of the evil.

This mistake is universally made by Socialists, and it is apparently impossible to disabuse their minds of the error that competition is a curse to the world.

Competition in spots only, and with monopoly close by it, is of course objectionable, because it gives power to a few and places others at a disadvantage. But absolutely "free" competition—free at both ends and on all sides—is in harmony with the natural rights of all mankind.

Of course we mean competition in whatever is honest and good for the people. Anything that is otherwise should simply be suppressed, no matter whom the suppression may displease or where it will hit.

Monopoly is a curse to the people and disgrace to the nation in which it prevails. Above all others Monopolies is that of natural elements, commonly designated "land." As no human being can live without in some manner using land, the monopolization of it by a few private owners necessarily works great hardship to uncounted thousands who are thus the victims of Greed.

The original deed to the earth or any portion of it has never been produced, though everybody would be glad to see it as a matter of curiosity. No reward of even millions of dollars can produce such a deed, for the simple reason that there never was one.

Our present industrial system is about as bad as it could be without the element of absolute chattel slavery. In some localities it rubs very close to that relic of barbarism.

The only remedy for this curse is Death to Landlordism.

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NEW ERA CAMP OREGON.

The First Spiritualist Association of Clackamas County, Oregon will open their camp meeting at New Era July 2, and closes July 26.

It is located about 18 miles south of Portland near the Southern Pacific railroad. J. M. Lucas, president, 148 Lane street, Portland. For further information inquire of George Lazelle, secretary; Oregon City, Oregon.

CORVALLIS, BENTON CO, OREGON.

May 23, 1904.

EDITOR JOURNAL:

The First Spiritual Union of Corvallis closed the season by giving a Sunday afternoon lawn social, May 22. The day also marked the seventy-fifth anniversary of Dr. Flint's birth, and friends and Union gave warm greetings and kindly wishes that were heartily appreciated.

The harmony was perfect, and the day in keeping. Longley's beautiful songs, and S. W. Tucker's spiritual wreath were drawn upon by competent singers, and added much to the pleasure. Refreshments served, coffee and cake.

Yours truly,

JESSIE S. PETIT-FLINT.

A PARTIAL LIST OF CAMP MEETINGS OF THE SEASON 1904.

UNITY CAMP MEETING.

The Lynn Spiritualists Association will hold meetings every Sunday at Unity Camp, Saugus Center, Mass., commencing June 5, and ending Sept. 25. For all particulars address Mrs. A. A. Averill, 42 Smith street, Lynn, Mass.

Island Lake, Mich.—The Island Camp, at Island Lake, Mich., 42 miles from Detroit, on the Flint and Pere Marquette railroad, commences July 10, and extends through the month of August. For full programme address H. R. La Grange, Secretary, 84 East Mont-Calm street, Detroit, Mich.

An excellent programme has been prepared for the coming season. We have under contract such speakers as mediums as B. F. Austin, G. W. Kates and wife, Amanda Coffman, Mr. and Mrs. White, D. A. Herrick, Dr. Julia M. Walton, Mrs. Margaret LaGrange, W. V. Nicum, and others. Farmer Riley will positively be with us the first two weeks of camp. Every phase of mediumship will be represented. Correspondence solicited with first class trumpet and slate-writing mediums.

Lake Brady, Ohio.—The Lake Brady Spiritualist Camp meeting

opens July 3 and closes September 4. For full programme address, A. G. Kock, Akron, Ohio.

Freeville, N. Y.—The dates for the Central New York Spiritual Association Camp-meeting, at Freeville, N. Y., are from July 23 to Aug. 22, four weeks and five Sundays. Owing to the protracted and severe illness of our secretary, Miss Victoria C. Moore, I am acting secretary, to whom all letters pertaining to the camp should be addressed. W. W. Kelsey, President, Cortland N. Y.

Grand Ledge, Mich.—The Grand Ledge (Mich.) camp opens July 31 and closes August 28. For full programme address J. W. Ewing, Grand Ledge, Mich.

Onset Camp—Commences July 24 and ends August 28. For full programme and particulars address the secretary of the camp, Onset, Camp.

Harmony Grove, Cal.—Camp opens July 17, and closes July 31. For particulars address Frank C. Foster, secretary, Escondido, Cal.

Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton Iowa, The camp session of the M. V. S. A., Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton, Iowa, will open July 31 and close August 28. For programmes address Mollie B. Anderson, secretary, Clarksville, Mo.

Forest Home, Mich.—The fifth annual camp-meeting opens at Snowflake, Mich., July 31 and closes Aug. 21. Write to Mrs. Ruth Eastman, secretary, Mancelona, Mich., Box 69, for full particulars.

Chesterfield, Ind.—Chesterfield, (Ind.) camp meeting opens July 14 and closes August 28. For programs and other information address Lydia Jessup, secretary, Chesterfield, Ind.

Delphos Camp, Kans.—This camp meeting will begin August 5, closing August 22. Address all communications to I. N. Richardson, secretary, Delphos, Kans.

Maple Dell Park, Ohio.—The American Spiritual, Religious and Science Union will hold a camp session at Maple Dell, commencing July 24 and closing Sept. 1. Lucy King, corresponding secretary. Address with stamp, Box 45, Mantua, Ohio. The grounds will be open for family reunions, Sunday-school picnics, and Sunday meetings, etc., from June 1 to Sept. 15.

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SAN JOSE NEWS.

THE ORDER ASTRÆA.

Among the note-worthy doings spiritually, in the Garden City—San Jose, is the representation of the Order Astræa, interpreted.—“The Illuminated Pathway between the two worlds.”

The lovely studio of Mrs. J. W. Crawford dedicated to music and color, is the place where soul teachings of the order are promulgated.

Spiritual growth and advancement in Philosophy, Science, Art and Religion brings thinkers and workers together.

On Sunday the 22nd a very interesting synopsis of the order was by Mrs. E. P. Thorndyke to whom the title of the order was given forty years ago.

An inspiration talk from Mrs. H. A. Griffin, proved that this lady will yet be numbered among the higher class of speakers; following, messages were given which seemed to flow out of the brilliant aura of her inspiration.

Music from the sphere of Art weaves its classic tone—threads under the inspired touch of Mrs. Crawford's Pian-ism at these meetings. Much may be expected of this order.

Next Sunday the Triangle Symbol of Harmony will be represented by Mrs. Nettie P. Fox, Mrs. H. A. Griffin and Mrs. Jeannette W. Crawford.

Report of Sunday evening work, May 29, under the auspices of the Order Astræa. Preliminary remarks were given by Mrs. Crawford who introduced Mrs. Nettie Peuse Fox as the speaker of the evening.

The subject was the “Philosophy of Life”. Mrs. Fox handled it with lucidity and elegance of diction. Such subjects and speakers are the demand of the thinking class—mind receptive to the higher culture of soul and its relation to the Infinite.

Mrs. H. A. Griffin responded to the thought expounded and followed with tests.

The music of the Order was A Minor Sonata by Mozart given by Mrs. Crawford.

A REVIEW DR. T. J. HUDSON'S EXPOSITION OF SPIRITUALISM.

E. J. SHELLHOUSE

[Continued.]

The psychic force, that is, sensations in consciousness, the feelings, determine the action of the vital force acting on the brain in mental phenomena, and in different parts of the body in certain sensations, so we say: “Mind acts upon the body, thought takes form in

action” because it appears so, just as the people a few hundred years ago said, “the sun rises and sets every twenty-four hours,” thus we are constantly deceived by appearances.

A brief analysis of the words, subjective, and objective, in regard to mental phenomena, will afford some light on the subject we are considering. All depends on the meaning of the words, subjective and objective, as applied to mind. Webster says: “Subjective, an epithet applied to those internal states of thought and feeling of which the mind is subject. When these are cognized, they lesson objective; that is to say, thoughts and feelings having their rise from within, are cognized as states of sensation in consciousness, these we call subjective.”

Those thoughts and feelings which are aroused by the stimulus of environment we call objective. The words subjective and objective are used to distinguish the manner in which the feelings are aroused. Those from within, as hunger, pain, and the like, are subjective, those states of feeling aroused by the perception of objects without, are objective.

Webster continues: “That which is subjective in one relation, may be objective in another. Thus subjective states of mind when recalled and dwelt upon for the purpose of inspection or analysis, become objective.”

So we see that Dr. Hudson's assumption of a subjective mind, clothed with power to act separately from his implied objective mind has no ground either on authority, or reason upon which to stand.

But in his attempt to explain the phenomena of spirit manifestations he ignores the most important and demonstrative of them; that is,

materialization, now so common. He admits the fact of telepathy and attempts to explain the higher psychic manifestations in this way: “When a medium tells you of a circumstance in your own life, or in the life of a departed friend, which you never confided, to a living person, you say, that is telepathy; she read it in your mind, but if the medium should give you a message from your departed friend to the effect that before his death he had hidden in a particular spot, a certain sum of money which he intended for you, but he was unable to give because at the time of his death you were absent, and if afterwards you should find the exact sum in the spot indicated, you might find it difficult to account for the medium's knowledge, yet it is easily accounted for by the fact that intimate friends are often in telepathic communion with each other unconsciously.

In this case we may suppose that your friend in his life-time unconsciously communicated the knowledge to your subjective mind, and there it lay hidden from your objective consciousness until the medium by virtue, of her psychic power, read it in your soul.

This is the loose and illogical manner of reasoning based on the assumption of a subjective mind, and founded on a “we may suppose”

It seems strange indeed that men should resort to such measures to explain the phenomena of spirit manifestation when the true explanation is so easy. There are facts recorded on the best authority, that Dr. Hudson's theory does not include, even in his telepathy, and he must have had a very limited knowledge of the subject he was trying to explain, but now he sees it in a different light since his transposition.

The writer of this article has seen thousands of materialized spirits

in the presence of hundreds of others who saw and realized the same, and in the same manner. These are indisputable evidences of the fact of the materialization of spirits. He has attended more than three hundred of Mr. Aker's seances in which the most wonderful phenomena were witnessed. Materialized forms of children and more of gigantic size appeared and conversed with the visitors whom they claimed as relatives and friends.

Among the visitors were judges, lawyers, physicians, editors and scholars, earnest and determined to remove every doubt. Some, coming over a thousand miles to investigate these phenomena. Some remained weeks, demanding the most crucial tests, all of which were cheerfully given; and not a single one left without being fully convinced of the genuineness of the materializations, and well satisfied with the results of their investigations.

Writing in pencil at the rate of 500 or more words in good, legible hand, and on the type-writer, as many as 225 words, all within the time of one minute. Eloquent orations, and conversations in law languages known only to the spirits and those of the visitors to whom they conversed.

Portraits of spirits whose bodies have long since mouldered into dust executed in a single minute in crayon, recognized by all who knew the spirits in earth-life; and other portraits of spirits from the higher spheres, in oil on canvas executed in exquisite skill in from five to seven minutes, without brush or pencil, that would require days to paint by a mortal artist.

When we consider these facts, how absurd is the attempts to explain them on the theory of a subjective mind, even granting the existence of such a mind, yet thousands accept his “exposition” as scientific! Again, how absurd.

The writer can furnish the address of any required number of persons who witnessed the above described materializations. His address is 2928 Mercer street, Kansas City, Mo.

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The Post Office address after May 15, will be, Circle of Light Camp, Williams Bay, Wis.

For particulars address J. P. Cook, Sec. “C. of L.” Home Center, 506 N. Central Ave., Austin, Chicago, Ill.

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OBITUARY.

Seymore Benjamin Clark passed away at the Pacific Hospital in San Francisco, May 28, 1904 at the age of 73 years.

He was born under the shadows of the Green Mountains at St. Albans, New York, November 9, 1831.

At an early age his parents removed to St. Lawrence County, New York, where his childhood and early youth were spent, alternately at school, working on a farm clerking for a mercantile firm, or on a bed of sickness.

In April 1854 he departed for the Pacific Coast in search of health and a more congenial climate. In California he found both and in the fur trade accumulated wealth which was swept from him through those whom he trusted.

His early religious training was not confined to the teachings of any one particular denomination. His mother was a Methodist and his father a Universalist.

He was educated at the St. Lawrence University. Quite early in life he became a broad liberal thinker. He became interested in Spiritualism in 1848 and for many years continued investigations on these lines.

When a few earnest, progressive liberal Spiritualists met for the purpose of organizing a society in the year 1882, Mr. Clark was among the number, and when the subject of a name for the new spiritual church was brought up for consideration, Mr. Clark proposed to call it "The Society of Progressive Spiritualists".

On the evening of March 15, last Mr. Clark was run over by a milk wagon and severely injured. He was conveyed to the home of a friend where he was cared for by kind hearted people for several weeks, subsequently he was removed to the County Hospital and later to the Pacific Hospital where he was finally released from his much worn body at 12 o'clock noon May 28.

His remains were removed to the Golden Gate Undertaking Parlors,

where the funeral obsequies were held on Tuesday of this week. Prof. Frittz, Mrs. Sarah Seal, and E. S. Drew officiating. Appropriate music was rendered by Mrs. Prentiss, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Mabel Place and the Lyceum Quartette. The body was conveyed to the Odd Fellows Creamatory and there incinerated.



The Editor is not responsible for the opinions of correspondents.

LETTER FROM MRS. ELLA YORK.

EDITOR JOURNAL:

We are often asked whether a knowledge of spirit return, makes us any happier, if it does us any good, if our aims in life are any higher, if we are kinder to those around us, or more charitable to the world at large, and to all these questions and many more we answer, Yes.

Knowledge is power and produces good or bad results upon humanity. All are human, struggling and striving in every way to penetrate the future, searching for knowledge in regard to our destiny.

How to get this knowledge is the question of many thinking and scientific people of the present time.

There are people who are so organized by nature, that they are fitted to receive and convey this knowledge to others, they are known to the world as mediums, instruments, machines, or channels through which this knowledge is conveyed to mortals, from those who have passed on to a higher state of existence.

Results through these mediums depend on the control of the medium (or operator of the instrument) from the spirit side of life, and the instrument he is using.

He may be a good operator using an inferior instrument or he may be an inferior operator using a finely organized instrument, thus we find through the varied instruments good and bad results as the case may be, and to my mind the reason we have so few mediums, the world calls great is that a perfect organism is seldom controlled by a perfect operator.

Spirit return teaches us that life is progressive, that the personal identity, the characteristic individuality never changes, it is the one spark of divinity of the great life center, that individualizes us from every other spark of divinity that has passed on to a higher existence.

The same law applies to all. Each identity has been clothed with a physical or material clothing while in the material body changes

and experiences give this identity opportunities for manifestations which is its growth or progression.

No well organized or intelligent identity stands still, oft times the environments of the material are such that growth is slow, but there is growth in some direction just as surely as the suns heat effects people differently all depending on the condition of the person it shines upon, so spiritual growth depends on the surroundings of the spirit while in the material body.

When the spirit is separated from the body through the change called death, it still has the desire and power to attract to it its needs or requirements, and its form is clothed with spiritual coverings according to the laws of life.

The personal identity is still the same, it is only the outward coverings that have changed. Every birth or change that this identity is subjected too, produces a more refined and intellectual surrounding which is perfectly natural through the law of progression.

These changes are constantly going on producing a purer and higher state of existence. Millions of these identities never return to earth to communicate. Millions remain in the condition where law and intelligence has placed them.

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The Mediums' Protective Association Social on Saturday the 28th was in every way a decided success. The program was as follows: "Only a Thin Veil between us." Happy Thought Club Quartette; words of welcome by the president; reading, Capt. B. Stout; comic songs, banjo accompaniments A. S. Howe reading Mrs. McMeekin; comic song, Mr. Gardner; psychic reading, Prof. Dryden; character sketches by Prof. Perkins; Accordion and Banjo selections, A. S. Howe and M. M. Gardner; divulging family secrets, Mrs. Hann. Sunflower hall was beautifully decorated with flowers and greens, which added greatly to the pleasure of the large audience present. After delicious refreshments had been served, a large cake, beautifully frosted and decorated with a monogram—"M. P. Ass'n, May 28th 1904." A gift of Mrs. Hahn was raffled; 100 tickets at 5 cents each were quickly sold. Mr. Eberhardt being blindfolded drew from the hat number 70, the President of the society being the winner. These socials are becoming more popular and will continue on the last Saturday evening of each month. Mrs. M. M. Gardner chairman of the committee, was ably assisted by Mrs. McMeekin, M. M. Gardner, Prof. Dryden, Mr. McMeekin, Mrs. Sarah Seal, Mrs. C. Wermouth, Mrs. Howe and others.

The Next Social of the People's Church will be held in Sunflower hall, 305 Laakin street, on Monday evening, June 6th. A musical treat is in store for you. All are welcome.

The Peoples' Church—was crowded to the doors Sunday to attend the beautiful memorial service. The flowers were lovely, the whole platform was banked with them and every table was covered with roses and carnations. Each bouquet bearing the name of some arisen one. The music was beautiful, Mr. Manchester who is in the city for a few days sang the "Dream Song." Mr. Gillespie, Mrs. Gillespie and Mr. Manchester sang a trio, "Vacant Chairs". The choir sang three selections all good. The lecture was one of Mrs. Gillespie's best and Mrs. Whitney's messages were well given and fully recognized, it was a most delightful evening and as there will be but two more meetings before closing the hall for two months, a large attendance is looked for June 5th and 12th.

Henry Harrison Brown, has been having excellent meetings the last month his large hall has been filled with a most attentive audience. Last Sunday evening his theme was "Practical Suggestion" Mr. Foulds illustrated his lecture with several subjects. He showed how illness failure and all conditions of the mind and body arise from suggestion; how unpleasant conditions may be changed by proper modes of thinking. Suggestion is defined to be, whatever causes an idea in the mind, it is an everpresent factor in human life. The good and bad conditions of life are due to Suggestion. When one learns to refuse the unpleasant Suggestions, life is to him one continual round of happiness.

Friday Night benefit meeting in Sunflower hall, under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society, was fairly well attended. Prof. Perkins being the only medium, he was given ample opportunity to display his powers in delineating character which was done in a remarkable degree, both through mediumship and study of Phrenology. The audience seemed quite well pleased with his work.

Tidings from two of our prominent workers have reached the JOURNAL office from Madame Florence Montague by way of Queenstown only one days journey from Liverpool, Eng. Sending kindly greetings to all friends. Also from Mrs. R. S. Lillie who safely reached St. Paul, Minn., who is filling an engagement with the Spiritual Alliance of that city—more anon.

Oakland Notes.

At the Psychical Society's meeting in Odd Fellows Hall, Sunday morning, Mr. Hodge spoke on Spiritualism, showing that the advent of Modern Spiritualism was not intended to build up a new and narrow sect, but to revivify and unify the prevailing religious system of the world. Next Sunday the subject of Mr. Hodge's lecture will be "Mediumship and Materialization."

At Fraternal hall on Sunday evening, Mr. Gillette's subject was "Success" and he was followed by Mrs. Gillette with messages and psychometric readings.

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A Memory.

A little cottage standing

At the narrowing of the street,
Where the maples bend to kiss
Yellow roses at their feet.

Green fields like the western sea
Creep to its very side,
Within whose billowy surface
The children use to hide.

To a stranger it is homely;
They find no touch of art,
But they do not see the picture
That is graven on my heart.

Of a lady in the doorway,
Brown of hair and tender eyes,
That now watches o'er her children
From the door of Paradise.

The white hand seemed to beckon,
The tender voice rang clear,
Come home, children, you are weary
Come and rest with mother here.

All of this came up before me,
As I passed what was my home,
And some way in my memory
It is still my very own.

And my soul holds just the picture
In that doorway fair and sweet,
While the maples bend to kiss
The yellow roses at their feet.
Anna L. Gillespie.

A Thought.

A careless smile, a calm farwell,
One pressure of the hand:
And then, the two paths fall apart,
And why? None understand.

Had God when shaping our two lives
But led these paths together,
So hands clasp and each could help
In fair or cloudy weather.

So differently this day would seem
For through the tear dimmed eyes
A hope would shine to light the way
To future Paradise.

I wonder if the tangled web,
Can ever be made straight,
And you, and I together pass
Through wisdom's perfect gate?
Anna L. Gillespie.

MRS. ANNA L. GILLESPIE AND HER PUBLIC WORK.

The subject of this sketch is too well known to need an introduction to the readers of Spiritual papers.

For over 15 years constantly engaged in the lecture field, where she has met with great success both as a lecturer and a message bearer.

She was for five years speaker for the Progressive Society of Lockport, N. Y., and for over six years speaker for the First Spiritual Society of Port Huron, Mich.,

in work done there by Mrs. Gillespie.

Her engagements with the Eastern camps has taken her East for a few months each year, but on her return she immediately resumes her work in San Francisco. The present year will be no exception, as July and August are fully engaged with Eastern Camps.

Her sympathy with young people has made them greatly appreciate her work, and the society of the People's church owe much of its strength and enthusiasm to the young people who do not fail to give her hearty support, in return

given in her own name and will be a most pleasant surprise to her many friends.

Mrs. Gillespie's engagements for the camp season are as follows:

June 25 to 28th, Port Huron, Mich.
July 2nd to 12th Lake Brady, Ohio;
July 15th to 24th Briggs Park Mich
July 26th to August 2nd Clinton camp, Iowa; August 2nd to 29th, Chesterfield, Indiana; then a few days in Chicago then home, during her absence she will continue the work for the Alice corner in message department of the JOURNAL.

She is also authorized as agent and correspondent of the JOURNAL while absent.

[EDITOR.]

Island Lake.

When the sunshine laden summer,
Dons her robes of emerald hue;
And the world so full of gladness,
That our souls are smiling too.
When all nature is rejoicing,
With a happiness so sweet,
That to even dream of living,
Seems to make our joy complete.

Throned within a mossy framing,
Tangled grasses, soft and green;
With the forest for a kingdom,
Lies fair Island Lake! A queen.
Angel faces bending o'er her,
Voices speak with tender grace;
White hands beckon white robes
glisten

And she mirrows back each face.

Dancing, dimpling in the sunshine
Greets she, courtiers far and nigh
Throwing kisses to the cloud-lands,
Sweetest flowers of the sky.
And a holy benediction,
Flood our soul, and seem to make
Earth life distant, Heaven nearer,
When beside thee! Island Lake.
Anna L. Gillespie.

A California Day.

Sunshine filtering softly
Through the tinted clouds
Bird notes sounding clearly
Joyously and loud.

Roses, pinks and violets,
Fragrant, wet with dew—
I don't believe "the other world"
Is fairer, Say, do you?



MRS. ANNA L. GILLESPIE.

and for four years of the latter period had the largest Children's Progressive Lyceum in the United States. In addition to this, doing general lecture work in nearly every state in the Union.

Mrs. Gillespie is now doing good work as Pastor of the Peoples Church which was founded by her some eighteen months ago, and which, under her care is steadily growing and in a prosperous condition. The services of the People's church are held in Elk's hall, one of the finest halls in the city, centrally located and its rapid growth give evidence of the interest felt

for which she is both teacher and friend.

As the wife of the President of the California State Spiritualist Association she assists in a marked degree in all matters, social, financial and otherwise, pertaining to the welfare of the cause of Spiritualism in the State.

It may be of interest to her many friends to know that she is now negotiating with her publishers regarding the publication of her last book. Mrs. Gillespie is not unknown to the literary world, much of her writing has been under a nom-de-plume, but the book will be

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT.

To all well developed spiritual mediums. Isn't it not so that when a majority of the people of the earth have become Spiritualists that the highly advanced spirits will come down to earth and the low dark personating spirits with their evil influences will be driven from the earth and the people will be ruled by or under the direction of those highly advanced spirits.

And the government of the earth will become theocratic, and the millennium will be established on earth, and all this, is in the power of man to do, a condition of things which all true Spiritualists would like to see and should work for.

And is it not also true, that many leading Spiritualists, mediums and officers, in the various associations as well as the rich Spiritualists and non Spiritualists, are more or less under the control of these low dark personating or evil spirits, whose interests and desires, are adverse to the promulgation and spreading of spiritual knowledge among the people and their enlightenment; knowing full well that when a majority of the people have become Spiritualists:—then, these low dark personating influences, will be driven from the earth.

And that so long as their control make use of their knowledge and medical power, for the amusement of children and skeptics and the increasing the fortunes of the avaricious, they, the low dark spirits are perfectly satisfied. But the moment their controls receive higher or more advanced ideas, beneficial to the spiritual cause, that moment these low dark personating spirits influence them in an opposite direction detrimental to the spreading of spiritual knowledge and the enlightenment of the people.

Now will those mediums having high controls please make enquiry of such spirits as may be highly advanced and favorable to the enlightenment of the people and the spreading of spiritual knowledge, if this is so, and please let us know through the columns of the JOURNAL, for the benefit of the spiritual cause, as we wish all the information possible upon this important subject.

J. I. Hollingsworth.

OAKLAND NOTES.

A party of 44 ladies and gentlemen spent a very enjoyable evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Saxton on Seventh avenue, East Oakland on Friday the 3rd.

The main object of the gathering was the drawing of the winning number on a silk quilt made by the ladies connected with the Psychical Society.

The drawing resulted in Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie, pastor of the

Peoples Church, San Francisco, being the winner. There was a very pleasing and entertaining literary and musical program rendered, after which dainty refreshments were served. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Will C. Hodge, Mrs. Phelps, Mrs. McEvoy, Mr. and Mrs. Gillette, Mrs. Weed, Mrs. James, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson.

Psychical Society—Mr. Will C. Hodge's lecture on "Mediumship" was a lucid exposition of the wide spread characteristic of those through whom the phenomena of Modern Spiritualism are presented, as well as showing the unconscious control or guidance to which many if not all of those who, are not looked upon as mediums are subjected.

It is a great mistake to think that only those we know as mediums are subject to the control of spirits, others are as susceptible to control and because in their case it is unsuspected, is oftentimes more potent than would be the case if it were exercised with the knowledge of the individual.

Fraternal Hall—On Sunday afternoon Mrs. McEvoy gave the main address ably followed by Mrs. Knapp, Mrs. Siebert read an original poem, Mrs. Gillette and Mrs. Nelson gave messages.

In the evening Mrs. McEvoy spoke on the great need of missionary work, that should be taken up by Spiritualists, among the poor and degraded. She also said that more spirituality and love among the workers in our cause and all who profess to love our cause, before we can hope to accomplish any great results. Mrs. Knott gave very acceptably several Psychometric readings and messages.

Mr. Paul S. Gillette of 619 18th street, Oakland, has been appointed a committee to canvas Oakland and vicinity for a suitable accommodations for holding the Ninth Annual Convention of the California Spiritualists. All who can assist Brother Gillette in this matter, please address him as above.

Woodmen's hall, 621 12th street A meeting has been called for Sunday afternoon the 19th for the purpose of organizing a Progressive Lyceum. All who have the interest of the youth at heart, are earnestly invited to be present on this occasion, bring the children with you.

Loring hall, 11th street—A meeting was called on Wednesday evening for establishing another centre for promulgating Spiritual and New Thought activities. A more extended account will be given next week.

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Island Lake, Mich.—The Island Camp, at Island Lake, Mich., 42 miles from Detroit, on the Flint and Pere Marquette railroad, commences July 10, and extends through the month of August. For full programme address H. R. La Grange, Secretary, 84 East Mont-Calm street, Detroit, Mich.

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Lake Brady, Ohio.—The Lake Brady Spiritualist Camp meeting

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Freeville, N. Y.—The dates for the Central New York Spiritual Association Camp meeting, at Freeville, N. Y., are from July 23 to Aug. 22, four weeks and five Sundays. Owing to the protracted and severe illness of our secretary, Miss Victoria C. Moore, I am acting secretary, to whom all letters pertaining to the camp should be addressed. W. W. Kelsey, President, Cortland N. Y.

Grand Ledge, Mich.—The Grand Ledge (Mich.) camp opens July 31 and closes August 28. For full programme address J. W. Ewing, Grand Ledge, Mich.

Onset Camp—Commences July 24 and ends August 28. For full programme and particulars address the secretary of the camp, Onset, Camp.

Harmony Grove, Cal.—Camp opens July 17, and closes July 31. For particulars address Frank C. Foster, secretary, Escondido, Cal.

Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton Iowa, The camp session of the M. V. S. A., Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton, Iowa, will open July 31 and close August 28. For programmes address Mollie B. Anderson, secretary, Clarksville, Mo.

Forest Home, Mich.—The fifth annual camp meeting opens at Snowflake, Mich., July 31 and closes Aug. 21. Write to Mrs. Ruth Eastman, secretary, Mancelona, Mich., Box 69, for full particulars.

Chesterfield, Ind.—Chesterfield, (Ind.) camp meeting opens July 14 and closes August 28. For programs and other information address Lydia Jessup, secretary, Chesterfield, Ind.

Delphos Camp, Kans.—This camp meeting will begin August 5, closing August 22. Address all communications to I. N. Richardson, secretary, Delphos, Kans.

Maple Dell Park, Ohio.—The American Spiritual, Religious and Science Union will hold a camp session at Maple Dell, commencing July 24 and closing Sept. 1. Lucy King, corresponding secretary. Address with stamp, Box 45, Mantua, Ohio. The grounds will be open for family reunions, Sunday-school picnics, and Sunday meetings, etc., from June 1 to Sept. 15.

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Mrs. Prior secured a charter for them under the National Organization seven years ago. Last June she returned and found that they were still in existence with a few members. She became the pastor of the society and it now has 175 members and holds public meetings every Sunday afternoon and evening in the K. P. hall, the finest in Seattle.

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Under a system of industrial freedom human nature would still be very imperfect, and there would doubtless be many ills and sufferings in the land. But until we have free conditions we cannot reasonably hope for any radical and permanent improvement over the social pandemonium which now prevails.

The inevitable tendency of the time is toward still further retrogression. The cause, the fundamental cause, of the prevailing moral degeneracy is no mystery to those who investigate the subject carefully and with unprejudiced minds.

Human rights are often ignored by those in authority, and monopoly has industry by the throat. Ignorance and cowardice are responsible for these conditions. The people can throw off the shackles if they will use proper means.



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LETTER FROM SANTA CRUZ.

EDITOR JOURNAL:

It is some time since I jotted down anything relative to myself and my work for the JOURNAL readers, so I will begin with the statement that I am still in the field and wide awake.

I am at present in Santa Cruz, that beautiful city by the sea, where I am greeted three times a week by magnificent audiences composed of Spiritualists, Theosophists and other New Thought people.

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Mrs. Kate Heussmann who recently became Mrs. Harveston is to make Santa Cruz her permanent home and will no doubt be active in the work there.

So much for the present, later on still better things I hope may be written about Santa Cruz. If any of my old friends on the Coast see this I would be glad to receive a few lines from them.

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A regular quarterly meeting of the Board was held on June 4th, 1904 at headquarters and the following business was transacted.

On application and endorsement of the Oakland Spiritual Society, a certificate of Ordination was issued to Mrs. May Fanning of Berkeley, Cal., also on application, Mr. John R. Burton, endorsed by the Oakland Psychical Society, a certificate of protection was granted him as a Healer.

The matter of holding a camp meeting in the vicinity of San Francisco and Oakland was considered at this meeting.

It will be remembered that at the last convention, the feasibility of holding a Camp meeting the latter part of August, and the first week in September 1904 was left in the hands of the Board of Officers.

The Board appointed the corresponding secretary, Mr. Paul S. Gillette a committee to canvass the matter of grounds with suitable conveniences for Camp and for use of the Convention, and report results to the secretary, who shall call a meeting of the Board for their action in the matter.

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HE RETURNED TO TELL THE STORY.

Dr. Franklin, with his unexcelled mind for research and deep thought was so impressed with the thought of practical communication between us and the spirit land that he and his two close companions agreed that whichever departed this life first, should come and tell the other if in his power, of the spirit land.

About sixty-five years ago the writer read a book giving a particular account of two young men in Massachusetts who were dear

friends, one of whom was a doctor. The other was taken sick and the people said died; but his friend said he was not dead. He prepared his hands so as to be sure and after careful examination said he could feel warmth, and his loved friend was alive.

After waiting the usual time the funeral day was appointed. The neighbors gathered for the burial. The Doctor plead for delay, assuring them that life was not extinct. They answered his plea by giving time, a shorter time, and at last, gave him only five minutes, but during that time his young friend gasped.

When he awoke he told them the beautiful story of the spirit land; of its glories, its joys and its sweetness; and said he plead with them that he might abide with them, but that they told him he must go back to the earth.

He told his earthly friends of the friends who had passed from earth, whom he met there; and said that a well known esquire living some distance away came to the spirit land while he was there.

Those who were doubting, then announced their assurance that it was all a dream, imagination; as they knew the squire was in good health. This did not shake the young man's understanding. He knew he saw him there. Upon inquiry it was found that while the young man was apparently in the arms of death the Squire had departed this life.

The writer has had numerous communications from the spirit land, guiding warning and cheering him on in this earthly existence. Surely the light is coming! Let all persons who wish and dare to learn the truth, investigate.

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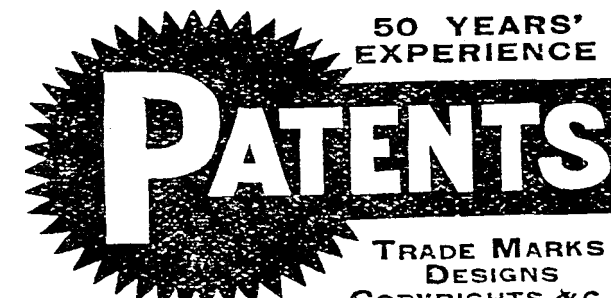
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The Social of the People's Church on Monday evening was a literary feast, the committee composed of Mrs. A. D. Norton, Mrs. Stimson, Miss Stephenson, Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Jones; presented the fol-

lowing excellent numbers which were exceptionally and artistically well rendered: A piano solo, Mrs. A. S. Norton; song, Mona by Miss Vina Simons; character sketch (in costume) Miss Mabel Freifer, Miss Edith Norton; dramatic reading, Mrs. Inez Garrison; recitation, Miss Hazel Belle; Nearer My God to Thee. Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie; violin selections, Prof. Alfred Frederick Worbes at this juncture the company was served to a feast of cake and lemonade, by the refreshment committee, composed of Mrs. H. H. Nichols, Mrs. A. J. Riley, Mrs. B. A. Wood and Miss Fannie Bottomly. The balance of the evening up to 11 o'clock was spent in social converse and congratulations on having had such an enjoyable entertainment.

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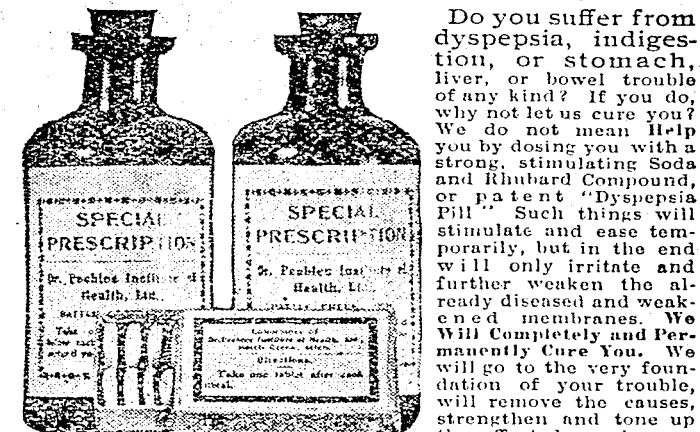
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The Old Chopping Block.

C. C. Davis

The old homestead stands just the same
and my prattle
Can never by me on the earth be forgot
Where, close by the woodpile, the barn-
yard and cattle
Half buried in chips stood the old chop-
ping block.

How oft when a child did I climb up as-
tride it
And laugh in my glee at reaching the
top;
And day after day I would sit there and
ride it,
And call it pet names as, "My old
horsey block."

What castles I built in the air for the
future!
What visions of fancy my fertile brain
wrought,
As I drummed with my heels 'gainst the
battered old structure,
And yelled my commands to that old
chopping block.

'Twas there that my sister, with horse
and side-saddle
Would mount and ride off at a gallop
or trot;
How ardent my wish to "grow big." and
to straddle
Our family horse, from that old chop-
ping block.

How often I brought out the old mug
with cider,
Our cellar, each year was supplied with
a stock,
To John, as he made the pile higher and
wider
Then sat down to drink on that old
chopping block.

'Twas there that my grandfather boosted
and petted
"My Boy," that old man with his sil-
ver-white locks;
No matter what mischief I wrought, he
ne'er fretted
But fondled me there, by the old chop-
ping block.

And now, after three score long years of
life's turmoil
Since last I beheld it as firm as a rock
Half bedded in chips, still with love do
I recall
The happy hours spent by that old
chopping block.

And oh, how I yearn to go back to that
boyhood!
As if, could I go to the same door and
knock,
My grandsire would greet me, the same
as when I stood
Enfolded by him on that old chopping
block.

Oh, childhood! what memories cling to
that very hour!

I ask only this ere I meet with death's
shock

Let me go to that wood-pile I hailed as
my bower

And see if 'tis there—the old chopping
block.

From youth to old age has been passed,
and I wonder

Why I should outlive all the rest of
our flock!

And whispers of long ago, dearer and
fonder

Still bring their impress of that old
chopping block.

I lean on my oaken staff, and with gray
hair,

Await for the summons, the last earthly
knock

At my door, which will tell me to pre-
pare,

And leave earthly scenes, e'en the old
chopping block.

Shall memory die? When the spirits sur-
round me

Up there, where my grandfather went,
will time blot

From my mind that old land mark? Or
shall I still see,

In visions eternal that old chopping
block?

THE VOICE OF YESTERDAY.

BY GRANT WALLACE

Out of the abysmal deeps of Time,
out of the crumbling tombs—the
misty hush of the dead past—rolls
the dead thunder of a living voice.

O, Man-Soul that sleepeth-sleep-
eth with the earth-drug distilled
from dead things rioting in thy
purple blood—O, Man-Soul, awake!

A weary pilgrim, across the wide
reaches of the Twilight Land, I
come to you; I double up my feeble
hands and beat them against your
sturdy-iron gates. Up over the
outrim of this buzzing little world I
have clambered, panted and blinded
and falling to press in the donjon
gates, groaning on rusty hinge.

Awake, O, Man-Soul, and let me
in!

I come with rich caravans behind
me—spices and incense and pictures
and beauty and wisdom and treas-
ure I bring you.

Awake, O, Man-Soul and let me
in!

I hear you groan in your slumber

I know you have looked up out of
your eye-holes, and seeing the little
parapet rim of your encompassing
fortress have muttered. It is the
edge of the world I see—naught is
beyond it. I dream, when I think
I hear voices. I will to sleep again.

Again I hear you cry out to the
gods for wisdom, and your insistent
pleadings do drown the fluttering
noise of my too-feeble beating. I
hear you groan there in the dark-
ness—groan and turn this way and
that in a dungeon too small to con-
tain you—groan in chest-cracking
throes; and, hearing no drum-beat
on the physical ear, no revelation,
you turn and lay your stretched
mouth in the dust staring, with
wide eyes, down in the dull dirt.

Over the tropic, dryad-haunted
lands of the South I have come,
out of the long, dreary stretch of
the White Silence—frozen silence—
of the Northland I have come bring-
ing gifts from the times of old.
From the long sunken isles of the
sea—from the pilastered palaces of
Egypt and Ind; from the trium-
phant tribes of the West—all dust
for ages—I have brought to you
freighted Argosies and trains spoil-
laden, jewel-laden, beauty-laden.

I come, I go, and come again.
When you have fallen on the Dam-
ascus blade of sorrow and error,
then am I very near. When the
tense muscles fall soft, and deep
sleep broods over the body, then
am I nearest; for then does thine
half-opened eye, O, Man-Soul, peep
through these bars and get glimpses
of me.

I am your slave—your child; you
created me. Let me free you. Let
me feed you. Let me bring you
the glorious loot of a dead and gone
world—dead and gone but for me.

I will sing to you—spread the
long perspective of ten thousand
ages out before you—unroll the
wisdom and the folly, the joy and
the sorrow, the struggles and de-
feats, and triumphs and deaths and
births and beginnings and ends of
nations and tribes, and pulsing,
throbbing, loving men and women
—Cave Dwellers, Troglodytes, men
of the stone age, men of the bronze
age, Assyrians, Norsemen, Moors,
Savages, Crusaders, modern men—
the long record of all I will spread

out as a map before you. You shall
see history itself, face to face. You
shall observe how they and you
made history.

I stand at these rusty gates. I
knock. I hear you turn in your
chains. Open, and I will lead you
forth into the expanding, living
Light. I will lead you down the
spiral ladder of Time, into the
dusty abodes pleasure and of pain,
that were sealed up aeons before
the pyramids were.

I will lead you down the abysmal
corridors of eternity past, and the
dead rise from ten thousand tombs,
each a thousand years apart in time,
they shall troop forth and you shall
know them for your friends of old.
Again shall the hunter range the
woods for the hairy mammoth, the
lover breathe his passion into the
Atlantean maiden's ears, the soldier
fall under the battle axe, the peas-
ant clang his wood shoon about the
poor hearth the king sit in purple
and ermine on his throne, the pale
student bend, over the papyrus un-
der the feeble rush-light—and they
shall all, the unnumbered host,
pass you in motely review, and sa-
lute you, and you shall know that
each one of them is You.

Awake, then, O, Man-Soul, and
bid me call these wonders up. I am
your servant—your slave. I am
the messenger into the Past. I
stand astride the world with my
face toward the setting sun. I am
the voice of unnumbered yesterday.
"I am Memory!"

THE HEAVEN OF THE SPIR- ITUALISTS.

WM. EMMETTE COLEMAN

What is heaven? A place in
some corner of God's universe,
where a few sanctified and sancti-
monious pietists will wear golden
crowns, play golden harps, wave
palm branches, and chant inter-
minable psalms around the throne
of the Great. I am forever and
for aye? Such is the popular
conception of what some are pleased
to call heaven, but such a place or
condition the Spiritual Philosophy
knows naught of.

Instead of this soul-dwarfing, spirit-benumbing conception of the radiant beyond, it tells us of a rational, natural, human existence in the realm of souls; a solid, substantial world; a purified and beautiful earth, so to speak; with undulating hills and verdant valleys, purling streams and fragrant flowers meandering rivulets and glassy lakes; with wealth of field and forest, grotto and bower; with sportive lambskins and paradisaical birds with towns and cities, hamlets and villages, brotherhoods and associations, schools and sanatoria, colleges and laboratories, museums and observatories, newspapers and libraries, theatres and art galleries, temples and towers, chateaux and palaces, rural cottages and stately mansions.

A sphere where each and all have homes, real, true, unincumbered with deed or mortgage, but held in fee simply by each occupant; where each soul has all things for its use and benefit, according to its desire and needs; where no one can possess more than can be utilized for his or others benefit; where hoarding and the miser's occupation are unknown; where the only poverty seen is poverty of soul, of mind, of virtue, of intelligence; the only riches, wealth of purity, wealth of wisdom, wealth of love, wealth of right thoughts and right deeds.

Contrast this reasonable heaven, where every legitimate desire finds in time, its full fruition; where all the ties of affection and consanguinity are doubly cemented; where all true-mated souls—husbands and wives—are joined in union rapturous eternal; where parents and their children meet in glad, harmonious families; where kindred souls and bosom friends each finds his fidus Achates, heart to heart and soul to soul, in one vast brotherhood of love! contrast this with the aristocratic, seven by nine, psalm singing, golden-streeted elysium held up for our attainment, offered as a reward for self-debasement and groveling lickspittlism a royal bounty vouchsafed to those feeble-minded, tremulous souls who, conscious of their own paucity of virtuous endeavor and poverty of worth and righteousness, hope that, by confessing reliance upon the vicarious merits of a holy scape goat, they will, thereby, secure for themselves a front seat in the select Jehovistic choral band,—“that tuneful quire,” making the Judaean Olympian Heights resonant with the twang of thousand stringed harps, the doleful caroling of the Lamb's redeemed, and the melodious warblings of the four great beasts encompassing the throne, singing both day and night in an indesinent strain of bestial godliness.

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For the better elucidation of the point in hand, it has been deemed fitting in the foregoing to use the term “Heaven” in its generally received acceptation as expressive of locality or place, rather than in its true spiritual signification as indicative of a mental condition, harmony of mind, as usually employed in Spiritual literature.

OAKLAND NOTES.

The Sunday night meetings at Woodmen's Hall, Oakland, conducted by Mrs. Cowell and Phelps are largely attended.

Sweet music furnished by the choir consisting of Mrs. Abbott, Weed, Geddes, Miss Cook, Mr. Orth, and others, adds to the work and is highly appreciated by the audience.

On last Sunday night they had the pleasure of listening to Mr. and Mrs. Davis of Denver both totally blind. Mr. Davis is an accomplished violinist and his good wife a pianist. 'Twas a rare treat, and we hope we shall have more of them. The work grows in interest and spirituality.

At Loring Hall—On Wednesday evening of last week a number of friends assembled for the purpose of establishing a school for the higher spiritual teaching. Owing to the absence of a co-ordinator of the movement the meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 15th.

At the pleasant home of Mrs. Dungan in East Berkeley on Thursday evening the 9th. About twenty friends gathered to celebrate another Mile Stone in the journey of life. A pleasant evening was spent and many good wishes were expressed for the renewals of the happy occasion.

Psychical Society—Mr. Will C. Hodge discoursed last Sunday morning on “God”, and like all of his lectures was well received. He paid but little attention to the per-

sonal God of the Hebrew or the Orthodox christian. His lecture was eminently practical and of such a character that tends to help individuals to help themselves and not be dependent on others.

Fraternal Hall—The attendance in the afternoon was not so large as usual. In the absence of the usual speakers, the meeting resolved itself into a question and answer symposium. After which Mrs. Nelson gave Psychometric readings. In the evening Mr. Gillette gave an address and Mrs. Gillette followed with readings.

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A PARTIAL LIST OF CAMP MEETINGS OF THE SEASON 1904.

UNITY CAMP MEETING.

The Lynn Spiritualists Association will hold meetings every Sunday at Unity Camp, Saugus Center, Mass., commencing June 5, and ending Sept. 25. For all particulars address Mrs. A. A. Averill, 42 Smith street, Lynn, Mass.

Island Lake, Mich.—The Island Camp, at Island Lake, Mich., 42 miles from Detroit, on the Flint and Pere Marquette railroad, commences July 10, and extends through the month of August. For full programme address H. R. La Grange, Secretary, 84 East Mont-Calm street, Detroit, Mich.

An excellent programme has been prepared for the coming season. We have under contract such speakers as mediums as B. F. Austin, G. W. Kates and wife, Amalia Coffman, Mr. and Mrs. White, D. A. Herrick, Dr. Julia M. Walton, Mrs. Margaret LaGrange, W. V. Nicum, and others. Farmer Riley will positively be with us the first two weeks of camp. Every phase of mediumship will be represented. Correspondence solicited with first class trumpet and slate-writing mediums.

Lake Brady, Ohio.—The Lake Brady Spiritualist Camp meeting

opens July 3 and closes September 4. For full programme address, A. G. Kock, Akron, Ohio.

Freeville, N. Y.—The dates for the Central New York Spiritual Association Camp-meeting, at Freeville, N. Y., are from July 23 to Aug. 22, four weeks and five Sundays. Owing to the protracted and severe illness of our secretary, Miss Victoria C. Moore, I am acting secretary, to whom all letters pertaining to the camp should be addressed W. W. Kelsey, President, Cortland N. Y.

Grand Ledge, Mich.—The Grand Ledge (Mich.) camp opens July 31 and closes August 28. For full programme address J. W. Ewing, Grand Ledge, Mich.

Onset Camp—Commences July 24 and ends August 28. For full programme and particulars address the secretary of the camp, Onset, Camp.

Harmony Grove, Cal.—Camp opens July 17, and closes July 31. For particulars address Frank C. Foster, secretary, Escondido, Cal.

Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton Iowa, The camp session of the M. V. S. A., Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton, Iowa, will open July 31 and close August 28. For programmes address Mollie B. Anderson, secretary, Clarksville, Mo.

Forest Home, Mich.—The fifth annual camp-meeting opens at Snowflake, Mich., July 31 and closes Aug. 21. Write to Mrs. Ruth Eastman, secretary, Mancelona, Mich., Box 69, for full particulars.

Chesterfield, Ind.—Chesterfield, (Ind.) camp meeting opens July 14 and closes August 28. For programs and other information address Lydia Jessup, secretary, Chesterfield, Ind.

Delphos Camp, Kans.—This camp meeting will begin August 5, closing August 22. Address all communications to I. N. Richardson, secretary, Delphos, Kans.

Maple Dell Park, Ohio.—The American Spiritual, Religious and Science Union will hold a camp session at Maple Dell, commencing July 24 and closing Sept. 1. Lucy King, corresponding secretary. Address with stamp, Box 45, Mantua, Ohio. The grounds will be open for family reunions, Sunday-school picnics, and Sunday meetings, etc., from June 1 to Sept. 15.

“The Great Psychological Crime” if for sale at the office of the PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL. Price \$2.00

SAN JOSE NEWS.

The weather is extremely warm and many are making preparations to go to the coast. Our meetings of the Union Society continue to be of interest. The Lyceum, although not increasing in number still holds on to those who started in to stay at the first.

The morning conference meetings have been favored with the good thoughts presented by the controls of some of our local mediums, among the number I might mention the names of Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Elsey, Mrs. Sweeney, Mrs. Gunderson, and others.

While the good talks of Brother Harker and others who claim no control are not to be forgotten. Mr. J. Stitt Wilson was with us the evening of the 5th, and he is too well known by the general public to need an eulogy from your correspondent.

On the 12th, Mrs. Elizabeth Holmes began an engagement with us, and gave us good food for thought on the subject: "What has Spiritualism done for me?" She was listened to with attention, after which she gave spirit messages.

I am glad to say that through the efforts of a friend, dear old Mrs. Heudee Rogers received from the N. S. A. Mediums relief fund, a nice little donation which came in good time, and was most thankfully received by herself and husband.

Mrs. Rogers is improving in health, but cannot walk a step without crutches. Let everyone remember her and other faithful workers, in a substantial way if possible, while they are still with us in body.

I forgot to mention it before, that we are holding social meetings every two weeks, Wednesday evenings, at the residence of the members. Last week being the fifth. All have been well attended and a good social time enjoyed.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT
FROM N. S. A. OFFICE.

MEDIUMS RELIEF FUND.

It gives me much pleasure to announce, that the Mediums Relief Fund has so nearly secured the thousand dollars, from the Spiritualists at large, required for the other thousand dollars, promised by the First of June, that the generous man who made the offer, has authorized me to state that he will extend the time one month, and that it will close the first of July.

We now feel certain that we will raise the amount of less than one hundred dollars that we need to complete the needed sum, and we are very sure, that this extension of time, will permit some of the friends who have not as yet been able to give, to contribute to the fund.

A few have signified their intention of doing so as soon as their spring debts were paid, and this will let them in on the special fund.

Even if in June, we should raise a little more than the required amount it will be listed for the papers, and be very welcome, as the medium's beneficiaries must be regularly paid, and the constant expense of their care is going on; a few days ago, the sum of \$24.00 was sent to an aged medium from this fund, a lady of eighty-five years, disabled and in need, in San Jose, California. Please friends, those who have not contributed to the fund, send what you can, and the Angels with mortals will sing your praise. The entire list for May and June will be given to the papers July 1st.

SUMMER MEETINGS IN ST. LOUIS.

It gives us pleasure to announce that Spiritual meetings, will be held in St. Louis during the Summer, by the N. S. A. and its auxiliary, the First Spiritual Society of St. Louis, at the Temple of said First Association in that city.

Sunday meetings will be held morning and evening which will be free to the public, and week evening meetings will be held two or three evenings each week.

The temple will be open daily for the reception of visitors and good Spiritualists will be in attendance.

A free reading room where visitors may rest and register their names, will be opened, where the spiritual papers and other literature also, a list of rooming houses can be found.

The best of talent among the speakers and mediums in our ranks will present Spiritualism at these meetings; all particulars can be learned by addressing Rev. Thomas Grimshaw 5835 Theodosia avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

ATTENTION.

Anyone not able to show a plain and unequivocal indorsement from the N. S. A., has no right to claim to represent this Association. All who truly represent the National Association have their certificates of indorsement signed by the President and secretary of the N. S. A. and bearing date of the present year only.

Some years ago, the N. S. A., issued certificates for contributing membership, they did not indorse anyone, but were merely receipts for money contributed, these cer-

tificates were abolished years ago, as we found they might be mistaken for credentials, from a superficial examination. The public is warned against anyone who presents such a paper as an endorsement from this office.

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CONGRESS OF ADVANCED
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Dr. Green Arranging a Parliament
of New Thought.

Dr. Green, secretary of the Missouri State Spiritual Association, with headquarters at 518 Commercial building, is arranging a World's Fair Parliament of Advanced Minds.

Dr. Green is well known as a student and lecturer on spiritual, occult, new thought and brotherhood topics. His original plan was to have a world's international convention of Spiritualists, but this has been abandoned with a view of making it more general to a Parliament of Advanced Minds.

The meetings will be held in the auditorium tent at the Canvas Cottage City, north of the World's Fair. Dr. Green has been corresponding with the advanced thinkers and a large gathering of these bodies is expected.

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They ask Helen to give the message, her Father says it is for my daughter and for my wife, tell them not to worry, the troubles will not last and that which they are trying to do, they will accomplish. I hear also the name of Elliott with Mr. Brow all for the same family.

Emma Lillian Noble—The lady who sends this message is sad and seems to want to reach some one, but says the door is always shut now. Tell Charlie for me that Nita does not forget and when he will need me and that is soon, then I will be there.

Thank Mrs. Wadsworth for me for all she did and tell her that if I can I will repay with help when it is needed. My mother Anna Hughs and many others are with me, but somehow I want to get near Charlie, tell him please to ask for Nita once more.

Willie Gray—A young man with such a pleasant face and happy manner comes now. He asks that his Mother and Rose be sent this message and says poor Rose; what a sad life, so much trouble, tell her little Will is with me, give them all my love and say how happy I am; don't forget my stepfather, I want him to know that I like him but this message is most for Dear Mother. I am happy and have no desire to live in the body again, she will understand when she sees my lovely home and part of it is always for her.

Evelyn De Lysle—To my Father and Mamma this is to be given. My father is Alfred Henry De Lysle tell them how happy I am and how good every one is to me. Grandpa Albert and others have taken care of me. Papa will know me as Deedie the old pet name and I like it best now. Tell Mamma and Ettie that I send my love, we will help her to see us soon and even now the gate is open and they will hear from us all in a new way.

Don't tell me of tomorrow!

Give me the man who'll say,
Whene'er a good deed's to be done,
"Let's do the deed today".

We may all command the present

If we act and never wait;

But repentance is the phantom

Of the past that comes too late.

Don't tell me of tomorrow!

There's much to do today

That can never be accomplished

If we throw the hours away

Every moment has its duty.

Who the future can fortell?

Then why put off till tomorrow

What today can do as well?

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LOOK UP!

BY GNOMON.

Many of our friends are fond of referring to fraud in mediumship, and the existence of a "Blue Book" as evidencing wide-spread corruption in the Spiritualistic field. No doubt there is some fraud, no doubt too, that some mediums help each other with information, which may be used to advantage.

But the proportion of fraud to genuine mediumship, is too insignificant to waste so much time and energy over it.

It is doubtful if any medium who uses fraudulent methods is not also a genuine medium, so that any process of examination by state or other authority would only result in arming such medium with an endorsement to be used to advantage elsewhere.

While we do not like the fraud, and none of us endorse it, yet it is useless to publish it, for in the first place, those who read of these frauds being practiced are divided; some being active friends, who have received what they consider to be genuine manifestations, and who consider their judgement doubted; and the second place, those who do not read of the fraud are in most cases not Spiritualists, and go for curiosity to see the wonderful manifestations without understanding or caring how they are produced.

Then again, there is a class of people who are opposed to Spiritualism, who prefer to help along a fraud, in the hope that it may throw odium upon a cause that they hate.

It is doubtful if any good thing can exist which is not counterfeited if money can be made out of it.

We know that our coinage is counterfeited, yet no one discredits the coinage. Why then, should Spiritualists devote so much time to complaining?

Let them devote their energies to improving conditions for producing the higher phases of mediumship, let them support our undoubtedly good mediums, and leave the questionable ones severely alone; let them uphold and work for quality rather than quantity and we shall

soon see an improvement in our movement.

So long as it "pays" to produce counterfeits, there will be those who will supply the demand, but it must not be forgotten, that no medium can produce phenomena to order; and that if the conditions are not right, the results cannot be.

More knowledge of first principles is needed; and if Spiritualists will seek to raise themselves, the results will be more satisfactory.



The Editor is not responsible for the opinions of correspondents.

A TRIP BEYOND THE BORDER

May 29, 1904.

EDITOR JOURNAL:

While sitting down to rest after my mornings work, I felt a strong vibration pass through me, and heard a voice say: "I am here, your mother." She said, tell your sister, to study concerning this life, that she may go forward and claim her own when she comes here.

I then asked her the question, can you take me to see your home in spirit-life. she answered; my carriage is waiting, come! I then said it only seats one person, how can I go, while I looked on, she started it upward in the air, I called to her to come down slow, that I might see how it worked.

It looked to me that it had a small wheel in front and a wheel on either side and when coming down could see the side wheels open into large wings, also below the carriage opened two wings they looked to be like fine aluminum. She then said the battery is in the front filled with electricity and etheric compressed air and passes through glass tubes that fills the wings.

I said how will I go with you? Follow me with strong thought, I did so, we passed over valley's and came to a beautiful lake which passed serpentine like around the foothills then emptied itself into a very large lake, there were trees growing on each side of the lake with different colors of roses entwining around the branches of the trees, then all formed and met in the middle of the lake.

We then passed over a large range of mountains, the sun was shining on a lovely valley below where gardens and flowers surpassed anything I had ever seen on earth, the cottages were all one size, I said, why are they all cottages and no mansions? she said those people are more contented with that life than living in large dwellings, go back in your memory when you and your husband traveled over scenes like that on earth, your soul went out in admiration at

the sight of beautiful nature, and everything on earth has its counterpart here, only more refined.

Then we came to a forest where a tribe of Indians camped, I asked why do they live in wig-wams? she replied, see those houses on the hillside there is where their teachers live, they go and meet all that come from earth and bring them to the forrest that belong to that tribe, then teach them the laws of spirit life, and how to progress.

They then learn to build and leave forest for others to come to. We passed over more mountains until we reach my mothers home. My sister who passed from earth 43 year ago met me and embraced me, and bade me welcome.

To describe the beauties of the spirits and flowers and lovely houses earthly language fails me. I was invited to eat, as the table was spread, there was spread over the table, the most beautiful lace I ever beheld, I said Jane who makes this lace? she answered I did, come I will show you the machine I make it with, I love to do it, I make it for the schools and temples.

I then asked her why she lived with mother and not with her children; they have homes of their own she answered, for when on earth I did not have the pleasure of her company through circumstances that came in our lives, now we are happy.

She then cut some food for us, it seemed to me like flesh meat, I said do you eat meat here, she smiled and said, taste it and see, it was delicious; there is no food on earth I could compare to that, I asked her what it was made from, it is fruits, nuts, and all kinds of grains. I then said, Mother I must return to earth. Yes I will guide you back. I had been one half hour away, but still sitting in my chair.

Mrs. C. R. MacMeekin.

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In our silent moments with God, all the life forces have a chance to control the motions of our body and the many nerve currents that run through the body, that is the reason the holy calm, and healing takes

place, spiritually opens all the doors, to more life, more light, truth, peace, joy and happiness.

Who can oppose God? No one. God has nothing to do with the evil forces, He is eternal love and peace. As one progresses in soul culture, the whole body changes.

The great soul lives in the eternal new and now. Get out of your past conditions, it is not what you have been, it is what you are today. Begin now, it is not too late for all of us to turn over a new leaf, and let our lives be an open book, that all may be worthy of reaching.

Geology and nature have taught me more about God, than sacred books, yet I do not say, there are not truths in good books. Cling to Truth and you will receive all the knowledge you want in regard to our home beyond the grave.

DISRAELI AND GLADSTONE.

A short time before his death, Disraeli sat for his portrait to Millais. In his studio hung a proof engraving of Gladstone, with his hands down before him lightly clasped and an almost beatific expression on his face. Millais observed that Disraeli's eyes were frequently bent upon the portrait. At length he asked him if he would accept a copy.

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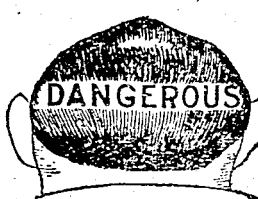
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A Bon Voyage!—Is what greets the ears of Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie from many warm friends as she takes leave of the city this Thursday morning, June 16th.

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An Outing.—The Peoples Church have accepted an invitation to spend Sunday June 26th at the Summer home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Briggs in Belvedere. Take Tiburon Boat—not forgetting well laden Lunch Baskets.

Friday Night benefit meeting in Sunflower hall, under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society, was well attended last week. Mrs. Sarah Ebberhardt was the medium and whose messages were clear, well defined and well received. Mrs. D. N. Place presided. These meetings are growing in interest and should be sustained.

J. Still Wilson spoke to his class last Sunday, May 12th, at Academy of Science, 819 Market street. He will speak again next Sunday at 11 sharp, on "The Uttermost Word." There will be an open meeting at the same hall on Wednesday evening, the 22d, at eight o'clock, when a new class will be formed for a special course of instruction; superior to any heretofore given. A cordial invitation is given to all interested in Mr. Wilson's teachings and line of work, to be present at these meetings.

Vacation.—Seems to be the Order in San Francisco among the Spiritual Societies this season. The Society of Progressive Spiritualists, The Mediums Protective Association, The Peoples Church, The Children's Progressive Lyceum and The Sunflower League have suspended all meetings until September.

Mr. S. D. Dye and his estimable wife called at the JOURNAL office during the week having arrived after an extended trip to Tuscon Springs. They are now on their way home in Los Angeles where they are well known as staunch Spiritualists. Mr. Dye expects to go East soon to look after his interest in a large estate known as the Dye Estate amounting to \$30,000,000 located in Pennsylvania. Mr. Dye is the oldest heir now living. The property consisting of 12,000 acres of land was leased by Rail Road Companies, the lease having expired in January of this year. The immense estate will soon be distributed among the heirs. The JOURNAL heartily joins Mr. and Mrs. Dye's many friends in the hope that they will come in peaceable possession of their rightful inheritance in time to make a wise disposition of their good fortune for the best good of those who have claim on them and those who shall follow.

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The Lyceum has adjourned until the first Sunday in September. A number of the scholars have gone to the country for the summer. Miss Lavina Symons was a visitor at the Lyceum last Sunday. C. H. WADSWORTH.

The Peoples Church.—An eventful assemblage of representative Spiritualists of San Francisco and the Bay cities were present in Elks' Hall on last Sunday evening; the occasion being a farewell reception given to Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie, the Pastor, on her departure to the Eastern States, where three months' engagements await her at the various camps. The hall was elaborately decorated with greens and the most beautiful flowers and exquisite bouquets, the loving gifts of many admiring friends. The most prominent and conspicuous in the floral display was an immense bouquet of Jack Roses, presented to Mrs. Gillespie with the compliments of the Order of Elks. The doors were opened at 7 o'clock; the hall was soon filled and a social reception was held till 8 o'clock, at which hour the President, Mr. E. W. Briggs, in a few appropriate words outlined the interesting program which had been arranged by the committee, which was rendered as follows:

1—Hymn, Count Your Blessings, Audience. 2—Invocation, Pastor, Anna L. Gillespie. 3—Remarks, President, E. W. Briggs. 4—Invitation to join Church, eight were received. 5—Vocal Solo, Mrs. Daisy Place Jacobs. 6—Messages, Mrs. D. N. Place. 7—Recitation, Mr. Will C. Hodge. 8—Hymn, Angels Bless You, Audience. 9—Address, Mrs. Addie L. Ballou. 10—Messages, Mrs. J. J. Whitney. 11—Duet, My Own United States, Miss Mabel Pfeifer and Edith Morton. 12—Addresses by Mrs. M. E. G. Howe, Mr. A. S. Howe, Mr. M. S. Norton. 13—Vocal Solo, Sweet Genevieve, Miss Lavina Symons. 14—Vocal Duet, Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie. 15—Addresses, Mrs. Clara U. Myers, W. T. Jones. 16—Hymn, Will Ye No Come Back Again? Audience. 17—Address by the Pastor, Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie.

One of the most interesting features of the evening was, when a little girl of about nine years of age, voluntarily asked the Pastor if she could become a member of the Church; and when the class of candidates presented themselves for admission, there were three children among the number. Verily, the Kingdom of Heaven is very near, when the Angels touch the hearts of our children.

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And the sunshine warm and bender
Lights the ripples of the rills,
We may read loves shining letter
When the mists have cleared away,
We shall know as we are known
Never more to walk alone,
In the dawning of the morning
When the mists have rolled away.

If we err in human blindness,
And forget that we are dust,
If we miss the law of kindness
In our struggle to be just
Snowy wings of peace will cover
All the pain we hide today;
When the weary watch is over
And the mists have cleared away,
We shall know as we are known
Never more to walk alone;
In the dawning of the morning
When the mists have rolled away.

When the silvery mist has veiled us,
From the faces of our own,
Oft we deem their love has failed us
And we tread our path alone;
We would see them near and truly
We would trust them day by day,
Neither love or blame unduly
If the mists were cleared away,
We shall know as we are known
Never more to walk alone;
In the dawning of the morning
When the mists have rolled away.

When the mists have risen above us
As our father knows his own,
Face to face with those that love us
We shall know as we are known;
Love, beyond the Orient meadows
Floats the golden fringe of day,
Heart to heart we'll bide the shadows
Till the mists have cleared away,
We shall know as we are known
Never more to walk alone;
When the day of light is dawning
And the mists have cleared away.

SPIRITS WORK IN BELGIUM.

Some remarkable cases of spirit cures being reported from Chevelipont, small hamlet beyond Villiers la Ville, in South Brabant, Belgium I determined; says a correspondent of the St Louis Globe Democrat, to look into the matter, and so set forth in quest of the reputed miracle worker. Villiers la Ville lies just off the direct line from Brus-

sels to Namur and is nearly as celebrated today for the splendid ruins of its one magnificent Cistercian abbey, founded in the twelfth century by Bernard Clervaux, as it was when the fine pile of buildings was still standing in perfect beauty.

It took me some little time to locate the author of the miraculous cures with which the country and the English press were ringing, for an application to the cure of the village resulted in a reply that any such person was unknown in the neighborhood.

The reverend gentlemen, considering that all these practices were the work of the devil, did not desire to encourage visitors. The hotel keeper near the ruins was, however more enlightened, and put me on the right tract. I found Chevelipont a hamlet with half a dozen dwellings of the low, red-roofed, white-walled kind, so typical of Belgian cottages, and one of these was pointed out to me as the home of the Pirsch family.

The author of the miraculous cures by spirit agency is a boy of 16, named Edward Pirsch, who has been aiding the sick to recovery in an astonishing fashion for the last three years. He is the elder of two sons of M. Charles Pirsch, a marble quarry owner, an able intelligent man with the highest possible character for uprightness and straightforwardness. The mother is also an intelligent woman, hardworking practical and alert. Until recently Mrs. Pirsch's mother, whose house joins theirs, has kept a small inn, which her daughter-in-law managed, but has now been closed. One of the peculiarities of the case is that the family takes neither money nor gifts; and as it was felt that the spirit cure might be a means of attracting people to the inn, it was decided to give up this business.

The two Pirsch boys have received a good education. The younger is a lad about 12. The elder is a shortish, thick-set youth, strong and sturdy, and the exact opposite of anything one might look for in connection with ethereal matters.

He has a very bright complexion and is dark, with large dark eyes.

He was educated at the college of Charleroi, where he did very well, passing out fifth, having specially taken up commercial subjects, as his intention is to follow the business of his father and develop it still further by exports to other countries. He is, therefore, anxious to learn only foreign languages and his schoolmasters guarantee that he studied neither medicine nor chemistry while at Charleroi.

I told him that I had heard of very remarkable cases of sick people being cured by prescriptions given by him when under alleged spirit guidance, and he said simply "It is quite true. All the villagers from far and near come to me for prescriptions."

"How do you write them, when you know nothing of medicine?" I inquired.

"I am guided by a spirit named Dr. Spiro, who by my hand writes out the prescriptions necessary. I am not asleep nor quite in a trance; my eyes are wide open, but I seem to loose sense of surroundings. My right arm is numb up to the elbow when possessed by the spirit."

"Tell me about Dr. Spiro," I said.

"He is the spirit of a Servian doctor, who has been dead a great number of years, but who, anxious to aid his fellowmen, uses me as an instrument."

"Then he writes in Servian, or, at least in Latin?"

"No he uses French." He explained to me that even 'over there' (thus the boy spoke of that unknown land to which all are drifting, and about which we fain would learn), spirits must study and learn such things as shall enable them to be more useful to the earth they have left behind. In this way he also explained the fact that the doctor occasionally makes use of remedies discovered since his day, though he ordinarily only employs herbs.

"Are you a herbalist?" I asked.

"No, I knew nothing of herbs when Dr. Spiro first visited me, nor did my family; but by means of minute descriptions, rough spirit drawings, and other indications, we know now how to look for those that grow in the neighborhood. Others we buy from regular re-

tailers, and often the doctor prescribes herbs quiet unknown in Belgium, and which have to be procured at trouble and expense from abroad.

My mother and grandmother prepare the herbs, and make medicine and ointments, which we give away absolutely gratis to all who come to us. Usually the sick send a friend, who describes the symptoms, or we receive a letter. Then I consult Dr. Spiro, who directs what should be done. I can call on him at any time, and he never fails.

"It is almost impossible to define what I have cured, because I have treated every sort of complaint—many which the doctors have quite given up—and have never yet failed. How is it done? I do not know. It is not my business. I only have to write the prescriptions. Sometimes when Dr. Spiro is away on a spirit mission another doctor takes his place. He is a doctor of the neighborhood who died not long ago, and who greatly disapproved of Spiritualism during his life, but who, once dead, took possession of my arm, to my great surprise, one day, and said he knew now that there were many things he had not properly understood before, and that he was always willing to help me. He is not as good as Dr. Spiro however, and I do not often call on him to help me."

[To be Continued.]

LIBERAL LECTURES.

Benjamin Fay Mills, one of the most eloquent orators and advanced liberal thinkers along the lines of religious thought; delivered three lectures on Sunday, June 5th in Golden Gate hall, this city. Although it is a little late we feel that an abstract of his address delivered on Sunday evening of that date will be perused with interest by our readers. His subject was "The Divinity of Christ." He said in part: "I am frequently asked the question, 'Do you believe in the divinity of Christ?' In response I would say that if you mean what I do by this expression, 'I certainly do; and that a thousand times more than I did a few years ago.'

I do not mean by this, that I would assert the accuracy of certain historical statements as I most assuredly would not deny them. I do not think these questions are important, but that the main question is why the life of Jesus of Nazareth has proven so powerful and, as Emerson says, has been 'ploughed into the history of the race.' By that I mean to say that I pin my faith to no dogmatic or metaphysical theory.

"These are not only unimportant but are sometimes positively demoralizing. Blood has been shed in disputes by so called Christians over the questions as to whether Jesus was 'homo-ousios' or 'homio-ousios.' Whatever is true about this, it is certain that bitterness and strife are unChristlike, and that the worst heresy is the unloving life.

"The important fact is expressed in a sermon by the most distinguished orthodox minister in America, the Rev. Dr. Lyman Abott, when he says that 'to believe in Christ is this—to see a true manhood and a real divineness in that kind of life.'

"This brings us to the question 'What is the divinity?' and that not as an abstract speculation but as applied to a person. An individual would be divine if he were perfectly related to the Universe, to all persons, to nature, and to all experiences.

"Divinity is the perception of universal life. I accept absolutely the New Testament definition of divinity, 'God is Love', and 'Everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God.' Paul says, 'As many as are led by the spirit of God, they are the sons of God.'

Now if you take John's word for God, which is Love and insert it in Paul's sentence, you would exactly express my belief: 'As many as are led by the spirit of love, they are the sons of God.'

"The manifestation of love is a manifestation of divinity. The question concerning the divinity of Jesus of Nazareth is then simply this, 'Did Jesus live a thoroughly loving life?' He certainly manifested great trust and love in all, the high and low, the good and bad.

"You can understand Jesus, not by taking a course in a theological seminary, but by endeavoring to lead a loving life. A great writer well says, 'Jesus astonishes and overpowers sensual people. They cannot unite him to history, or reconcile him to themselves.' Jesus said that the Father could be manifested in his disciples as he had been in him, and he said further, 'The work that I do, shall ye do also.'

"Whoever was begotten by pure love and came desired and welcomed into life, is of immaculate conception. He whose heart is full of tenderness and truth, who loves

mankind more than he loves himself, and cannot find room in his heart for hate, may be another Christ.

"We all may be the saviours of the world, if we believe in the divinity which dwells in us and worship it, and nail our grosser selves, our tempers, greeds and our unworthy aims upon the cross. Who giveth love to all pays kindness for unkindness, smiles for frowns, and lends new courage to each fainting heart, and strengthens hope, and scatters joy abroad, he, too, is a Redeemer. Son of God.

"No matter whether you are a Hebrew or an orthodox Christian, a liberal Christian or an agnostic, this is the spirit that should be manifested in your life; and you will find it true that 'everyone that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God and God in him'."

MORRIS PRATT INSTITUTE CONVENTION.

At the convention of the Morris Pratt Institute Association, held in Whitewater, Wisconsin June 4th, some good work was done for the future of the Institute, and towards establishing education as an important factor in Spiritualism.

The vacancies on the board of directors, occasioned by the resignation of Mr. A. Thompson and Mr. C. L. Stevens because of inability to serve on account of business demands, were filled by the election of Dr. Geo. B. Warne of Chicago, Ill. and Mr. John D. Vale of Marshalltown La., both of them competent men, and giving to the school the strength of an efficient board of directors.

The officers were reelected, adding to the executive committee Dr. Geo. B. Warne.

The secretary's report showed old bills all paid with the exception of two hundred and fifty dollars that was hired one year ago to meet urgent demands, a bill of three hundred and eighty nine dollars for fuel and repairs on roof, and one hundred and fifty for furniture, leaving a total balance of eight hundred and eighty nine dollars. All running expenses for the year had been met except a bill for fuel, and some of the old bill paid, that was carried over from last year to more than balanced that.

The number of students enrolled during the entire year was seventeen. Four of the first years class graduated with honors and received diplomas, which will be an endorsement from the Institute as their ability and a recommendation for them to Spiritualists wherever they may present them.

We predict that class of 1904 will go forth in the power of the spirit, imbued with the knowledge they have gained during the two years study and associations with the higher psychic forces, and become

leaders and teachers of these grand truths so much in demand in all parts of the country. The names of the graduates are, Miss Agnes Chaffee, Miss Alfa Bullock, Miss Amalia Pfennig and Mr. B. K. Bowen.

An office to be known as financial agent was created and Mrs. C. L. Stewart appointed to fill it. The duty of this office will be to solicit funds for the Institute both publicly and privately, and she will visit different sections of the country for that purpose, and will call upon those who are interested in the cause of education and Spiritualism for any assistance they may give.

School will open September 27, 1904 and it is hoped there will be a large attendance. The term was shortened to 34 weeks instead of 36 and board and room fixed at \$3.50 instead of \$3.00 per week. Catalogues will soon be ready, persons wishing them can address either the President or Secretary and they will be sent at once. Externally,

Clara L. Stewart, Sec.

A PARTIAL LIST OF CAMP-MEETINGS OF THE SEASON 1904.

UNITY CAMP MEETING.

The Lynn Spiritualists Association will hold meetings every Sunday at Unity Camp, Saugus Center, Mass., commencing June 5, and ending Sept. 25. For all particulars address Mrs. A. A. Averill, 42 Smith street, Lynn, Mass.

Island Lake, Mich.—The Island Camp, at Island Lake, Mich., 42 miles from Detroit, on the Flint and Pere Marquette railroad, commences July 10, and extends through the month of August. For full programme address H. R. La Grange, Secretary, 84 East Mont-Calm street, Detroit, Mich.

An excellent programme has been prepared for the coming season. We have under contract such speakers as mediums as B. F. Austin, G. W. Kates and wife, Amanda Coffman, Mr. and Mrs. White, D. A. Herrick, Dr. Julia M. Walton, Mrs. Margaret LaGrange, W. V. Nicum, and others. Farmer Riley will positively be with us the first two weeks of camp. Every phase of mediumship will be represented. Correspondence solicited with first class trumpet and slate-writing mediums.

Lake Brady, Ohio.—The Lake Brady Spiritualist Camp meeting opens July 3 and closes September 4. For full programme address, A. G. Kock, Akron, Ohio.

Freeville, N. Y.—The dates for the Central New York Spiritual Association Camp-meeting, at Free-

ville, N. Y., are from July 23 to Aug. 22, four weeks and five Sundays. Owing to the protracted and severe illness of our secretary, Miss Victoria C. Moore, I am acting secretary, to whom all letters pertaining to the camp should be addressed W. W. Kelsey, President, Cortland N. Y.

Grand Lodge, Mich.—The Grand Lodge (Mich.) camp opens July 31 and closes August 28. For full programme address J. W. Ewing, Grand Lodge, Mich.

Onset Camp—Commences July 24 and ends August 28. For full programme and particulars address the secretary of the camp, Onset, Camp.

Harmony Grove, Cal.—Camp opens July 17, and closes July 31. For particulars address Frank C. Foster, secretary, Escondido, Cal.

Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton Iowa, The camp session of the M. V. S. A., Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton, Iowa, will open July 31 and close August 28. For programmes address Mollie B. Anderson, secretary, Clarksville, Mo.

Forest Home, Mich.—The fifth annual camp-meeting opens at Snowflake, Mich., July 31 and closes Aug. 21. Write to Mrs. Ruth Eastman, secretary, Mancelona, Mich., Box 69, for full particulars.

Chesterfield, Ind.—Chesterfield, (Ind.) camp meeting opens July 14 and closes August 28. For programs and other information address Lydia Jessup, secretary, Chesterfield, Ind.

Delphos Camp, Kans.—This camp meeting will begin August 5, closing August 22. Address all communications to I. N. Richardson, secretary, Delphos, Kans.

Maple Dell Park, Ohio.—The American Spiritual, Religious and Science Union will hold a camp session at Maple Dell, commencing July 24 and closing Sept. 1. Lucy King, corresponding secretary. Address with stamp, Box 45, Mantua, Ohio. The grounds will be open for family reunions, Sunday-school picnics, and Sunday meetings, etc., from June 1 to Sept. 15.

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The true, not the new, should be the motto of those who write or speak about the apple, the fruit longest in use by our branch of the human race.

There are certain simple principles that must be given, line upon line, precept upon precept, to every generation of men or rather should be given just about that time that the generation is beginning to lose its freshness and to call on the doctor for remedies.

Every well to do man of good digestion and appetite tends to eat too much meat every day after his twenty-fifth birthday, and one of the values of fruit, the apple above others, is the ease with which it may be made an "antimeat for breakfast" article.

With baked apples and cream and good roast potatoes on the breakfast table, the dish of cold or hot meat becomes subordinate even if it is not entirely abolished.

Men of forty, the age when every man not a fool is supposed to have acquired the right to give medical advice, at least to himself, will relate remarkable self cures just as they had given up all hope, and in general these reduce themselves to this: "I ate less meat, but I did not know it, and I took a great deal more fruit, especially apples".

Baked apples for breakfast tend to reduce the amount of meat eat if we are inclined to eat too much, and to supply the system with mineral foods and the digestive tract with acids.

People who eat too much food are not to be advised to eat baked apples as a mere addition to the breakfast, and those who need a substantial meal must not let the baked apples interfere with the taking of solid food.

As a rule, those who eat three meals per diem will wisely have the nicest dish of baked apples obtainable for breakfast. It is a piece of simple wisdom worth pages of ordinary medical literature. The digestion of milk is somewhat delayed by sour fruits but pure, rich cream is not milk, and taken with a juicy baked apple, what dish can be more tempting and wholesome?

If you are twenty-eight or thirty-five, inclined to ring the doctor's bell and talk with your druggist, try this prescription. You may put sugar on the apples, but we shall not sugar coat the remedy with any mystery or any claim to novelty.

We merely turn to your good wife or your housekeeper and ask whether she is careful to give you nice roast apples and cream and to make the breakfast meat dishes as little tempting as may be—American Garden.

OAKLAND NOTES.

At the last annual meeting of the Oakland Spiritual Society an election of officers was held with the following result: President, Mrs. Heckman (re-elected) vice-pres. A. E. Gilman. (re-elected), secretary Mrs. L. Lorenzen; treasurer, Mrs. R. Palmbaum; financial secretary, Miss Ida Haas; board of directors, C. H. Cole, C. Sorensen, J. Scott, Mrs. Veri.

A beautiful set of silver spoons was presented to the president by the members, as a mark of their respect and esteem, and as a token of their appreciation for her good work on behalf of the society and the cause.

The vice-president was presented with a handsome hand painted cup and saucer, which he received with appropriate remarks.

The retiring secretary, Sister Shaw received from the society as a token of regard for duties well performed, an elaborate set of fine china cake plates.

Miss Ida Haas was the recipient of a hand painted pin cushion.

The chaplain, Sister Gilman, was made glad with a beautiful china decorated mush set.

The society is in a flourishing condition, substantial additions having been lately made to the Building Fund.

Obituary—Mrs. Ilse a member of the Psychical Society who recently went East on a visit to her brother and sister, passed over while there. Her remains were brought over to Oakland and were cremated on last Thursday. A large number of the Psychical Society were in attendance at the services.

Loring Hall—The meeting on Wednesday evening the 15th under the management of Mrs. Phelps

and Mrs. Knott was well attended. Those present decided upon a form of procedure to be adopted. Next Wednesday evening will be the first formal opening.

Odd Fellows Hall—The Psychical Society were out in good numbers. Mr. Will C. Hodge delivered an interesting address upon the life and occupations in spirit life, clearly showing that all who become denizens of the spirit world, will find congenial employment, according to their adaptation and capacity.

Fraternal Hall—On Sunday afternoon short addresses were made by Mrs. Knapp, Mrs. Drake and Mrs. McEvoy. After which circles were formed and messages were given by Mesdames Kapp, McEvoy, Smith and Fanning. In the evening Mrs. McEvoy spoke upon evil influences commonly known as obsession, indicating the methods by which persons who are thus vexed can be relieved. Mrs. Knapp and Mrs. Gillette followed with messages.

Mrs. Knapp and Mrs. McEvoy have commenced a class on Friday evenings at 7 o'clock, room 28, 1229 Broadway.

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Having said this much the JOURNAL takes pleasure in saying further, that an opportunity to carry into practice that great principle

involved in the words, appreciation and gratitude, is given to all persons who know Mrs. Annie Herbert Barker the author of the beautiful poems, entitled: 'When the Mists have Cleared Away,' 'New Time Rolling On,' 'Where the Shadow Falleth Never,' and other beautiful and inspiring poems.

Mrs. Barker's address is 228 D. street, San Rafael, Cal., where she resides shut up in her cottage home by poor health and limited means.

Another anniversary of her birth will occur on June 26th and this is thought a fitting time for those who feel they have been blessed by her inspirations to show their friendship and love in some substantial manner accompanied with words of greeting or birthday tokens to cheer her solitary life.

"ALICE" MESSAGE CORNER"

Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie, Medium

Marinisa—A little Indian girl comes to her child friend Paola and brings wild flowers, also an Indian called Swift Arrow, he brings music for the little one.

John and Nettie Merrill—To our friends we would send this message we know now that what we believed was true, all live again, and we are together with all our dear ones; but there are so many in earth life that need us. I wish my children were all on the brighter side of life. Tell them for us that we don't forget and when they think of us we are near them. There are so many friends to send greetings to; ask Florence to help me reach them all.

Newton Booth—This spirit desires to reach his daughter who is always ready for a word from her loved ones. He says: Tell my daughter, Mrs. Emma Sterrit, that we will help her; we know that she has had so much trouble, and that she is worried but the trouble will soon be over and all will be better for her.

I don't want to see her work so hard, I want to see her life made easier, and tell her that her old age will be pleasant. I was an old pioneer of California; and know what it means to go to a strange land. But O, this new land where I am now! It is so beautiful no words can describe it; tell Emma to take care of herself, and that her father is near her every day.

Henry Lasel—A lady is with the gentleman, whom he calls wife; her name is Sarah or Sophia, also daughters Bertha and Anna, and a son Harman; all coming to one they call Mary. Now I hear the name of Thorld and the name John Thorld also James and Margaret, this group all send greeting to Mary Thorld.

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WORDS OF COMFORT.

To the Mother of Little Doris B—

How our heart is touched as we read of your loss and know the pain which is yours. The dear little feet that ran at your call, the bright eyes that smiled backed into your own, the hands that clung to yours and the voice that made music in your ears, all made life for you one bright, happy day, and every mother knows how glad your hours were.

The dreams you dreamed, and how they will come in spite of us, the hopes you held were all centred around the little life that was in your keeping and the completeness and fulness of your own life was to be in service for her.

And she slipped away.

Like a strain of heavenly music that is wafted to our ears through some open door her dear life made melody in your heart for a time and when the door was closed and all was still, the silence must have been well nigh unbearable. In those first moments when the very air is heavy with stillness and we fear that in the sound of our beating hearts we may lose the whisper of comfort for which we yearn, we cannot even bear to hear the birds sing or the leaves rustle.

But the night of grief is swallowed up in the morning of hope.

Again we begin the day and with firmer step and braver spirit we set the house in order and make ready for the coming of our darling.

We know she shall come. What one baby has done another baby may do, and love shall so light the pathway to us that the little feet will never slip or stumble, but will enter at our door.

Oh, these mothers who stand weeping over empty cribs and unruffled pillows.

Who can give them comfort? Who can dry their eyes? God seems far away and the grave an impassable gulf to them.

"I could have borne pain and loss and misery of any kind, if only my baby could have stayed with me," they sob.

Up and down the world today

the sad mothers are wandering striving to be brave and to understand the reason of death.

Perhaps, dear friend, your little Doris will guide you to some sorrowing one whose baby is with her in that new life where she has gone and your knowledge of the love of God made manifest through ministering spirits may prove a shelter in time of storm.

Happy little Doris! To find a mamma smiling through her tears!

To find ready recognition of her every effort to draw near!

To find a mother earnest in her effort to take up her life naturally as the dear little daughter would have her do!

Many a child would find the way to your loving arms because of Doris, much loved and loving much, now as in the earth life which was so limited in years so full in expression.

All the Home Circle mothers will hold you in their thoughts with tenderness. Those whose babies have passed into spirit life will be especially near to you and those who still cuddle and caress their little folks will give you a share of that motherhood happiness.—Banner of Light.



The Editor is not responsible for the opinions of correspondents.

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE.

EDITOR JOURNAL:

This subject has been mooted by some of our Spiritualists of the advisability of the N. S. A. forming an investigating committee, whose duty it shall be to summon mediums and speakers for an examination of their claims as mediums and speakers, and to pass judgement upon their merits for the work of spirit world.

I have been appealed to for my opinion on this subject, which I herein unhesitatingly express. I am utterly opposed to the formation of any such examining committee, and I believe that should the N. S. A. Board of Trustees, or its executive committee volunteer to act as such, it would be the death blow to that institution. My reasons for the opinion are as follows:

Mediumship is a God-given gift, it cannot be acquired by hand work, or industrial methods, like learning a trade, such as watch making, engineering, etc.

A medium is born, not made, a mediumistic person can advance his powers very much, by education, particularly a speaker, but if a person is not a medium from birth you might as well try and make a silk purse from a swine's ear, as to make a genuine medium, or a bridge

between the two worlds out of a person not born with mediumistic qualities.

It is almost impossible to do justice to mediumship at all times—sometimes the medium might appear before an examining committee and give beautiful and convincing tests, at another time, he, or she, might utterly fail, because the conditions are bad; outside forces and persons throw their shadows over the sensitive or over one of the members of the committee, and absolutely destroy for the time being, all possibility of getting satisfactory proof of the genuineness of the medium and of his, or her powers.

There are very few Spiritualists and Scientists who are qualified to act on an examining committee, for very few people understand mediumship and its wonderful subtle forces. It took me years, years of close study and observation to learn the whys and wherefores of certain manifestations and expressions and controls of certain trance mediums, who it was my privilege to have in my employment just for the purpose of investigating Spiritualism in its various phases and I confess truthfully, that many times during the first years of my experience, I the would be investigator, who thought he was doing the wise thing, was actually assisting evil inclined spirits to destroy or hinder the true intention of the work of the spirit bands of the medium, instead of assisting them in their good labors, as I meant to do.

Most Spiritualists think they know all about Spiritualism, when the fact that 90 per cent of them hardly know the first letter in the alphabet, and in their conceit they will never realize it until they pass from earth and see the grave mistakes they have made.

The Executive Committee of the N. S. A., Board of Trustees, is to busy a body to be hindered with the work of playing examining committee for speakers and mediums, I for one, have no time to give to such work, and if I had, I would decline to serve, because it seems to me, like an inquisition and an insult to every genuine medium, the most of whom would disdain to report for examination, and justly so, because most of them are poorly paid at best, and to demand them in the midst of their many burdens to go to the expense of appearing before an examining committee, to prove their innocence of imposture, and that they are what God made them, messengers between the two worlds, would be adding insult to injury.

Honest mediums are not beholden to the N. S. A. for their patronage, they can make their living independent of any institution, and they are by no means obliged to submit to dictum or authority of such an association. We want no examin-

ing committee for mediums all the need is, for Spiritualists and investigators generally, to use their own common-sense as we have to do in all the business affairs of life; let them keep their eyes and ears open and see and listen for themselves, and not act like little children asking for protection against the fraudulent medium, than the "Hayseed" has to ask for sympathy when he buys a "Gold brick," or the speculator who buys a salted mine.

Let Spiritualists be men and women of common sense and judgement, and not whine when they learn that they do not know everything. Don't ask a committee to do what you should each do for yourself, test the spirit. It is cowardly and selfish to ask others to do for you what you can do yourself, and especially as you can educate yourself at the same time.

It strikes me, that some of the good people who are crying to the N. S. A. to appoint investigating committees are of the very class who never donate even a dime to the good work and the worthy objects of the National Association, even as some of the greatest talkers at our conventions promise great things, but never redeem their word. But to go on, I do not wish it to appear I am excusing fraud or condoning trickery, far be it from my desire; I know that frauds and imposters are in our ranks, but I cannot see that the proposed remedy will fit the case.

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Friday Night benefit meeting in Sunflower hall, under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society, was attended by an increased number being present. Mrs. D. N. Place was the message bearer. These meetings are growing in interest and will continue each Friday evening. Mrs. M. E. G. Howe will occupy the platform Friday evening, June 24.

Lest You Forget.—The "Peoples' Church" and Society will spend tomorrow (Sunday) with Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Briggs at Belvedere. Those who can are expected to provide lunches and to take the early Tiburon Boats.

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There are many societies and meetings of Spiritual import that have suspended operations during the summer months, but inasmuch as some of us cannot always vacate even if we would. We will continue to assemble as of yore, at Scottish hall, 117 Larkin street every Sunday evening for the purpose of receiving and giving such benefit as will come when we are in accord with the highest spiritual sources to which we have access. Our meetings are receiving the satisfactory comment and assistance and are growing in attendance, also the test and developina circles Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 1220 Mission St. GEO. F. PERKINS.

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